

HOUSE RESOLUTION 73  
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A RESOLUTION to applaud and honor Ms. Joan Cooper Burnett  
for her outstanding professional achievements.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals  
whose personal and professional achievements set the standard for success; and

WHEREAS, Joan Cooper Burnett is one such exemplary individual, having amassed  
years of success in various business ventures; and

WHEREAS, an entrepreneur, spiritual leader, and motivational speaker, Ms. Burnett  
began her exemplary career with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of  
Tennessee at Martin and a Masters in Education from Boston University; and

WHEREAS, Joan Burnett is also certified in Employee Relations Law from the Institute  
of Applied and Management Law in California; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Boston University, Ms. Burnett went on to work in  
various capacities, including being an Assistant Operations Manager and Bottling Line  
Supervisor for Heublin, Inc., a Sales Representative for Hanes, Inc., and a Director of Diversity,  
Employment Consultant, and Employee Counselor with The Travelers Insurance Company; and

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WHEREAS, showcasing her entrepreneurial spirit, Joan Burnett went on to be the President and founder of PathWays International, an executive recruiting and human resources consulting firm, and STEP, Inc., a job placement and training firm that partnered with faith-based organizations to support the employment and training of at-risk youth and young adults; and

WHEREAS, answering a call of God, Ms. Burnett decided to enroll in Yale Divinity School full-time in 2001 to pursue a Masters of Divinity; she plans to graduate in May, 2004; and

WHEREAS, she is currently Pastor of The Black Church at Yale which is a nondenominational church that worships in the African-American tradition; she is also serving as a part-time Guidance Counselor for the New Haven Public School System, guiding troubled youth and seeking out learning opportunities; and

WHEREAS, she also finds time to lend her considerable talents to many worthy organizations in many different capacities, including being a former member of the Board of Directors for the Connecticut Valley Girl Scout Council, Inc., a former member of the Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners, a former member of the United States President's Committee and the State of Connecticut's Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, a member of the Hartford Graduate Center Workforce Diversity Council, a member of the Board of Directors of IMPACT of Greater Hartford, and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Joan Burnett represents the ideal of a motivated, accomplished citizen in today's society; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor her; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and

congratulate Ms. Joan Cooper Burnett on her many accomplishments and achievements and wish her the best in her every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.